(a) whether attendance register is maintained to help the lecturers working in the universities and colleges to show their attendance in their concerned institutes;

(b) if not, the provision implemented to prove their regular attendance in their work;

(c) the reasons for relaxation granted to them for not marking their attendance in the staff attendance register;

(d) since when this decision regarding granting relaxation has been implemented and the details of the States where this decision has been implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) The University Grants Commission has not laid down any such norms requiring the Universities and Colleges to maintain the attendance register for lecturers. The Universities/Colleges take appropriate measures at their own levels.

Universalisation of Noon-Meal Scheme

3406. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the order of the Supreme Court in 2001 for Universalisation of Noon Meal Scheme had been implemented in all the States; if so, the details thereof;

(b) the amounts provided to Government of Rajasthan for mid-day meal during the last three years;

(c) whether any proposals sent by the Government of Rajasthan, regarding augmenting Mid-Day Meal Programme, are pending consideration with the Centre; and

(d) if so, the details, and the action taken thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) *Vide* order dated 28.11.2001 passed in WP(C) 196/2001, the Supreme court

of India directed States to "implement the Mid-Day Meal Scheme by providing every child in every Government and Government assisted primary school with a prepared mid day meal with a minimum content of 300 calories and 8-12 grams of protein each day of school for a minimum of 200 day." All States have informed that the said order has been implemented.

(b) The Central assistance, in addition to the free food grains @ 100gms wheat/rice per child per school day, provided to Govt. of Rajasthan for various components during the last 3 years is as under:-

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Cooking cost	Management Monitoring & Evaluation	Transportation	Kitchen Sheds	Kitchen Devices
2004-05	13,151.22	Nil	557.69	Nil	Nil
2005-06	11,479.63	296.55	411.23	Nil	Nil
2006-07	15,285.48	349.51	444.62	4849.58	723.18

(c) and (d) The State Govt. has submitted the Annual Work Plan & Budget, 2007-08 of Mid-Day Meal scheme. Central Government approved the AWP&B 2007-08 and allocated free food grains of 1,62,169 MTs, Central assistance towards cooking cost of Rs. 24325 lakhs and Management, Monitoring and Evaluation of Rs. 603 lakhs for 2007-08.

Supreme Court directions on OBC reservation

†3407. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA:
SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court has given any directions regarding 27 per cent reservation for OBC in higher education institutions and if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.